



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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August 2, 2017

Mr. Tony Mazzeo  
Vandeventer Black LLP  
101 West Main Street, Suite 500  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Mr. Mazzeo:

**SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (DON-NAVY-2017-008496)**

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for items relating to any investigation into the alleged allusion, involving two barrier tugs pushing Navy Barge (YC-1652) into USS GRAVELY while moored at Norfolk Naval Station Pier 6 on June 7, 2017. Specifically you requested: (1) written statements of personnel involved; (2) investigators' notes; and (3) recordings of any oral statements on which the findings were based.

Your request was received on 1 August 2017 and on the same day, assigned case number DON-NAVY-2017-008496. This is your second request and the original request was forwarded to our office by OJAG, Code 11 on July 18, 2017 for release of documents that are a matter under the cognizance of Commander, Carrier Strike Group EIGHT (CCSG-8). This request was perfected on 31 July 2017 and we provided "NEAR MISHAP REPORT 17001 - MFTA BARGE DAMAGE TO STERN SHEET" (two pages). No fees were associated with this request.

Upon receipt of this request, we initiated a diligent physical and electronic search at this command, as well as aboard GRAVELY but were unable to locate additional responsive documents. There are no FOIA fees associated with the processing of your request by this office.

I am the official responsible for this determination. You are advised of your right under the Department of the Navy Regulations to appeal this determination to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 14)  
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000  
Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-5066

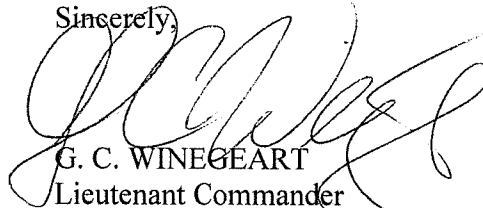
Your appeal must be postmarked within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL" both on the envelope and on the face of the letter. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your

appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial decision to be in error.

You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

Please contact me, Lieutenant Commander Graham C. Winegeart, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Staff Judge Advocate for Carrier Strike Group EIGHT, directly by phone at 757-341-7022 or by e-mail at graham.winegeart@navy.mil, if you have any questions regarding your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. C. Winegeart', written over the printed name.

G. C. WINEGEART  
Lieutenant Commander  
Judge Advocate General's Corps,  
U.S. Navy,  
Staff Judge Advocate  
By direction of the Commander